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have, and there was, in that year, there was almost 800,000 individuals reported missing, and there were 58,200 that were abducted by nonfamily members. A lot of times when a person is abducted, quite honestly, it's a divorce situation and somebody, the noncustodial parent perhaps, runs off with the child. And what I'm saying is that there was almost 800,000 people reported missing, according to the study, 58,200 of which were abducted by nonfamily members.

SENATOR SMITH: Right. Okay. And I was looking at the fiscal note and it does cost some funds, taxpayers funds, roughly \$25,000 a year. Is that accurate?

SENATOR BOURNE: That is, Senator Smith, and I'll tell you that, again, I've introduced this bill, I think this is the second or third time. And, you know, I know this is modest, and I'm trying to think if I've ever introduced a bill that had such a fiscal note on it. I realize it adds to the state problems, the state's budget problems; however, I just...I truly feel that more...

SENATOR SMITH: No, no, there's no need to get defensive. I...

SENATOR BOURNE: No, I'm not defensive.

SENATOR SMITH: I won't ...

SENATOR BOURNE: I just...I'm struggling with I just think that the good far outweighs the modest \$25,000 cost.

SENATOR SMITH: I appreciate that comment immensely. Now the \$25,000 a year, I mean, that's not even enough for one employee, is it?

SENATOR BOURNE: Senator Smith, I believe that when I approached the State Patrol regarding this, they thought they needed to have...I don't even know if it was a quarter FTE, but they needed additional manpower. I think pretty much all of our agencies are pretty lean right now and they felt they couldn't do this. One thing I do want to say if you give me just a couple seconds, I had talked to Governor Johanns and he was